

# Language data

## *Problem Set 0:*

In this assignment, provide some background on the language that you will be conducting research on.

- For the language you will be working on, find at least two native speakers (that may not include yourself).
- You should have access to the speakers; they should currently reside in this geographical area.
- The language should **not** be one of the following: English, Spanish, Chinese or Japanese.
- On the assignment sheet that you hand in, include the following information about the language:
  - The name of the language
  - Give some information about the speakers you will be consulting:
  - Number of speakers
  - Their age and sex
  - Are they mono-, bi- or trilingual? If they speak more than one first language, then what are the other languages?
- Look up the language in *Ethnologue* (available on the web) and other sources you can find. Include information such as the following:
  - Classification of the language (What language family does it belong to? What other languages is it related to?)
  - Number of speakers worldwide
  - Countries where the language is spoken. Illustrate the area where it is mainly spoken on a map.

**PLEASE TYPE ALL OF YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS. YOU MAY SUBMIT THEM DIRECTLY TO YOUR TA ONLINE OR YOU CAN HAND THEM IN BEFORE THE CLASS ON THE DAY THAT THEY ARE DUE.**

**If You submit them online, the TA *must* receive the assignment **before 9:00am** on the morning when the assignment is due.**

This problem set is due:

**Wednesday, February 9, 2005**